

Applicant Experience Unforeseen JustGrants Technical Issues

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Exhibit 11

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Good afternoon. I received the JustGrants document attached to regarding "Applicants that experience unforeseen JustGrants technical issues beyond their control, which prevent them from submitting their application by the deadline, must contact the JustGrants User Support...." Therefore, here is my statement. Pursuant to the document attached please send me a tracking number.

I received information, which should have been disseminated so grant applicants for the BJA FY 21 Second Chance Act Community-Based Reentry Program would be aware of possible glitches in the system. Due to this glitch I experienced, I could not submit my grant application on April 27, 2021. Grant applicants not knowing this glitch was there are being disenfranchised and put at a disadvantaged for having their grant applications reviewed by BJA and Peer Reviewers. In the message below, it reports BJA "may" open grant applications due to this glitch. How can BJA not open up a grant application processes for this glitch, especially in my case because I submitted a complaint, incident #522329, before the deadline has passed? This is the information I submitted on April 27, 2021 before the grant application deadline.

I submitted this message last night, April 27, 2021, regarding an JustGrants error message and system problems issue. I was given incident #522329. I was informed there is a glitch in your system as to the error message I received regarding the submission of my grant application. Please investigate and open my submission grant page up so I can submit my grant application for GRANT 13324548. Thank you.

This is the message I sent last evening, incident #522329:

I have been trying to submit my documents for this grant solicitation since 6:15 pm (CST). The JustGrants System would not allow me to submit my documents. I called the support line at 7:40 pm (CST) and was the 18th caller. When my call was answered it was approximately 9:15 pm (CST). A message stated JustGrants was experiencing a system error. This is crazy. I cannot submit my grant application. There is nothing wrong with my grant application. I am attaching a copy of it, which is not all of the grant application. This was all the system would permit printing.

I kept getting the message "The Federal Estimated Funding (Federal Share) in the Standard Applicant Information screen does not match the Federal Funds in the Consolidated Category Summary screen. IT DOES MATCH!!!

PLEASE SUBMIT MY GRANT APPLICATION!!! YOUR JUSTGRANTS SYSTEM IS NOT WORKING!!! THE JUSTGRANTS SYSTEM WILL NOT ALLOW ME TO SUBMIT MY GRANT APPLICATION!!! I AM SENDING THIS MESSAGE AT 10:34 PM (CST).

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